

Spring RE overview per Year Group

Early Years:

Christmas Unit Continued

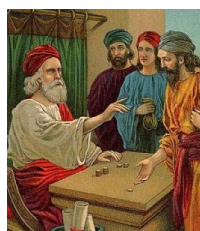
We begin Spring term with the last week of our Christmas unit, during the whole unit we explore the Christmas story and become familiar with the people involved, the location and the response to the Birth of Jesus. There are opportunities to articulate and visualise the first Christmas. All the activities will involve lots of discussion and role-play.

Revelation Unit

This unit introduces the role of the Church in getting to know God. The pupils have opportunities to role-play, talk in pairs, in groups and to different adults. They need to use visual prompts as much as possible, as well as articulate the words in the stories and role-play what a priest does. The feeding of the five thousand is a story they consider in more detail in years 1 and 2, but they should be able to discuss why Jesus is special and start to suggest what this tells us about God. The multi-faith element introduces the religion of Sikhism.



Lent Unit



This unit introduces Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter and introduces, through the example and teaching of Jesus, different ways of getting ready. Children should be enabled to explore and visualise the stories. In the multi-faith element the Jewish religion is introduced.

Holy Week Unit

This unit should enable pupils to listen and interact with stories about the events which led up to Easter. The pupils will need lots of dialogue and opportunities to sequence the events of Holy Week.

Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)

This unit should enable children to discuss and respond to the story of the resurrection. It should draw out the excitement and joy of the Easter season by reflecting on the emotions of those discovering the empty tomb. Easter is the most important and joyous of seasons. The tasks and discussions should reflect that. The multi-faith element identifies Hinduism as a religion.

Year 1:

Christmas Unit Continued

In the first week we continue our Christmas unit, during which we build on work done in Advent and in the previous year at Christmas. It will enable children to explore the Christmas story further and relate this story to their own birth. There is an opportunity to examine the similarities and differences. Through the eyes of the inn-keeper and the Wise Men, the reaction to the Birth of Jesus is examined. All the activities involve lots of discussion and role-play.

Revelation Unit

In this unit the pupils are introduced to stories that show how special Jesus is. They begin to explore, through the story of the good Samaritan, what God's love is like. The pupils are also introduced to miracles stories, which show how important Jesus is and to the idea of signs and symbols. The multi-faith element introduces the religion of Sikhism.



Lent Unit



This unit starts to explore the basic meaning of Lent and links it to the life and teachings of Jesus. Opportunities are provided to help pupils understand how they can get ready for Easter by changing. The Sabbath day is explored in the multi-faith element.

Holy Week Unit

This unit introduces more detail about the events of Holy Week. It should enable pupils to explore all the things that Jesus did for us. It highlights the importance of the Last Supper and introduces the Stations of the Cross as a prayer. Focus should be on discussion, dialogue and sequencing the events. Connection between these events and the prayer life of the Church should also be made.



Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)

This unit should enable children to discuss and further respond to the story of the resurrection. The activities are designed to develop the skills of empathy which will enable pupils to know what impact the resurrection had on the lives of ordinary people who witnessed it. The multi-faith element looks at the stories of Hinduism.

Year 2:

Christmas Unit Continued

In the first week of term we complete our Christmas unit, during which we will deepen the children's understanding of the Annunciation and the events of the Christmas story. Emphasis is placed on the journeys associated with the Birth of Jesus, as well as highlighting what we learn about Jesus from these journeys. This work will help set the context socially, religiously and geographically for the Birth of Jesus. The question is also raised of the implications for the Church's work today. For example consideration is given to the Church's work with refugees in the light of the 'Flight to Egypt'.

Revelation Unit

This helps the pupils become aware of stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is. The miracle stories show that the Kingdom of God is present within him. The unit enables the pupils to explore the parables and begin to understand some of the meaning behind them. The multi-faith element explores some of the things that Sikhs do to show their faith.



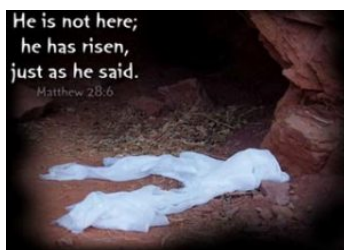
Lent Unit



This unit reinforces the understanding of Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance. The parables of the lost sheep and the unforgiving servant reinforce this teaching. The words of the Our Father help us to consider both the importance of prayer and the relationship between Jesus and the Father. The multi-faith element looks at the importance of the Torah to the Jewish faith.

Holy Week Unit

This unit introduces further work on the Stations of the Cross as a prayer. This enables pupils to reflect on the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus and begin to develop the skills of empathy by considering Holy Week events through the eyes of Mary. The multi-faith element looks at the Jewish Passover



Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)

Further detail is provided for the account of the empty tomb. Thomas is introduced to help pupils understand that not all

people responded to the resurrection of Jesus in the same way. The accounts are found in the Gospels. Detail is provided for the symbolism of Easter. The Hindu feast of Holi is studied in the multi-faith element.

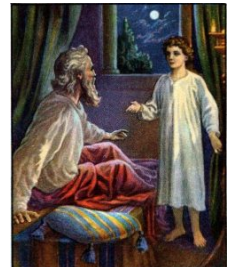
Year 3:

Christmas Unit Continued

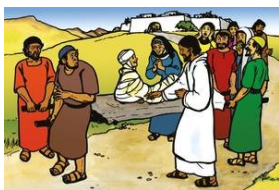
In the first week of term we complete our Christmas unit, during which we look at the Christmas story from the perspective of the shepherds. Their response invites an exploration of the language they used and also consideration of the nature of the ministry of Jesus, which was to care for and live among the poor and marginalised. The symbolism of the nativity scene is examined through the story of the first crib.

Revelation Unit

This unit is designed to support pupils in year 3 who may be making their first Holy Communion and begin to understand the parts of the Mass. Pupils are invited to explore how Sacred Scripture proclaims ways in which we are saved. It explores the response of Samuel to God's plan and considers what we can learn from it. Opportunities are provided for pupils to know what the Liturgy of the Word is and what our response should be, as well as broadening their knowledge of what is contained in the Bible. It introduces work on the Presentation and the Baptism of Jesus to enable pupils to begin to explore how people recognised God's revelation of Himself in Jesus. The multi-faith element explores what happens at the Gurdwara – the Sikh place of worship.



Lent Unit



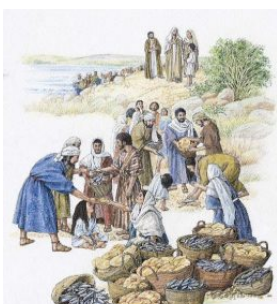
This unit further explores Lent as a time when we prepare for Easter. It enables pupils to explore how this preparation involves change. The multi-faith element explores the importance of prayer in the Jewish faith.

Holy Week Unit

This unit should support all the other work throughout the year for pupils about to make their first Holy Communion. It should place the Last Supper in with events of Holy Week. There is a particular focus on the last supper because of its connection with the Mass. Pupils should have many opportunities to discuss, visualise and understand the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper and look at the words and actions of the priest at Mass. The multi-faith element looks at the Jewish Passover.

Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)

Connections are made in this unit between the events of Easter, Holy Week, the teachings and life of Jesus and the celebration of the Eucharist. There is a focus on the appearance of Jesus to his disciples. Symbolism of



the Easter season, including the liturgical colours is explored. Hindu worship is the focus of the multi-faith element.

Year 4:

Christmas Unit Continued

In the first week of term we complete the Christmas unit, during which we examine the role of the angels in the Christmas story. It provides an invitation to identify ways in which we can be messengers of the Good News today. Opportunities are provided to consider specific role models of people, who have been messengers of the Good News in the life of the Church. The feasts associated with Christmas, such as the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist, are also explored. Ways in which the parish community celebrates Christmas are also identified.

Revelation Unit

This unit considers two examples of God's revelation of Himself in Jesus. In the Presentation, the revelation of God is recognised by Simeon and Anna. In the Transfiguration, the disciples respond with fear but beheld His glory. Consideration is also given to the symbolism of light and why this symbol is important. In the multi-faith element, the origins of the Sikh religion and their celebrations of light over darkness are considered



Lent Unit

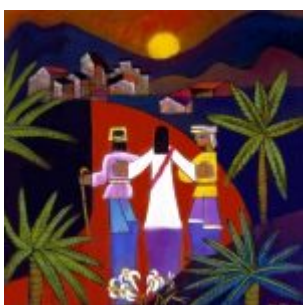


In this unit the previous understanding of forgiveness and penance is built upon, with a focus on the Temptation of Jesus. Pupils are invited to express what they learn from his example. Pupils should be enabled to develop and explore how prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living out the Beatitudes help us prepare for Easter. In the multi-faith element, pupils examine Yom Kippur.

Holy Week Unit

Further detail is added to the events of Holy Week with a particular focus on the change in mood that occurred during the week, from the events of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. When considering the role of the Pharisees, it is important to emphasise the positive role they played in Jewish society and that it was only 'some Pharisees', along with other people, who disliked Jesus.

Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)



In this unit there is a continued focus on the appearances of Jesus with an explanation of the road to Emmaus story. Pupils are introduced to and examine the Ascension and what it teaches us. The Hindu festival of Diwali is explored in the multi-faith element.

Year 5:

Christmas Unit Continued

Our Christmas unit concludes in the first week of term. During the whole unit we explore the Christmas story in greater detail and look at some of the difficulties encountered by the Holy Family as a result of the Birth of Jesus. In particular, the effects of being homeless and a refugee are covered. Connections are made between the plight of Jesus and the homeless and refugees today. The role of King Herod highlights the problems faced by the refugees and homeless today. A focus is also provided on Christmas being a time of prayer and devotion.

Revelation Unit

This unit considers the recognition of God's revelation of Himself in Jesus, by John the Baptist. The words; "This is my Son the Beloved, my favour rests on him" can provide a basis for this consideration. The importance of baptism for us is also examined. Study of certain parables assists with our understanding of the Kingdom of God and helps deepen understanding of how the divine revelation is communicated and passed on. Jesus, through his parables, teaches us to recognise God's Kingdom. In the multi-faith element the stories of Guru Nanak are covered and there is an opportunity to reflect on his teachings.



Lent Unit

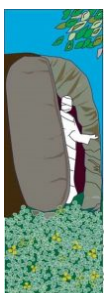


This unit revises and builds on the work done in year 4 on Lent. Understanding of the Temptation of Jesus and the symbolism of Lent is revised. Ways in which we prepare for Easter in Lent are explored at a deeper level. Preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus. St Paul provides a quick guide for how this can be achieved. The multi-faith element explores Jewish understanding of repentance.

Holy Week Unit

Building on previous knowledge of Holy Week this unit provides a particular focus on Christ driving the traders from the temple. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore what part this played in the events of Holy Week and what it tells us about Jesus.

Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)



In this unit connections are made between the events of Holy Week, Easter and the liturgical life of the Church. Study of the Easter Vigil enables pupils to develop a detailed understanding of the symbolism of Easter, as well as the beliefs that lie behind it. The story of Lazarus helps explore reaction to and the effect of the resurrection. Symbolism of the resurrection is explored. The Hindu religion is explored in the multi-faith element.

Year 6:

Christmas Unit Continued

Our Christmas unit concludes in the first week of term. During the whole unit we look in more detail at the Christmas story through the eyes of the Gospel writers. A particular focus is given to St John's Prologue, which describes Jesus as 'the Word'. The meaning of the word 'Incarnation' is illustrated and developed. This will open out the different images of Jesus that are portrayed in Scripture. Similarities between the Christmas story, which appears in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, are also considered.

Revelation Unit

This unit examines the conversion of St Paul. The impact of this conversion to himself, on those around him and the Church are considered. There is an invitation to reflect on the deep and personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with Jesus and an opportunity to think how we might learn from him. God reveals Himself and His plan of loving goodness. Pupils are invited to consider how this divine revelation is transmitted. In considering Matthew 28:19-20, pupils will consider what is meant by 'Apostolic Tradition'. The multi-faith element looks at the role of the guru in the Sikh religion.



Lent Unit



The means by which we prepare for Easter are explored in depth through the teachings of Jesus in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and the account of the Samaritan woman at the well. It allows for understanding of who Jesus is and whom he calls us to be. The Beatitudes are revised as fulfilment of God's promise. Moses' importance to the Jewish faith is expressed in the multi-faith element.

Holy Week Unit

This unit revises and further builds on the pupils' understanding of Holy Week, with a particular focus on what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane and the denial of Peter. These events emphasise how Jesus fulfilled the will of the Father. The importance of prayer at all times, but particularly in Holy Week, is highlighted. The events also show how Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures of the Old Testament.

Easter Unit (unit continued into the Summer term)



This unit provides opportunities to explore in real detail the events of the Easter season. This is achieved by examining the parallel accounts of the

Gospels. The Christian beliefs in eternal life are explored through examination of Scripture and the Catholic funeral liturgy. Opportunities are also provided to explore the Hindu belief in reincarnation in the multi-faith element.